

REMARKS

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 13-25 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Each of Claims 1-12 has been canceled.

New Claims 13-25 are supported by the application as originally filed.

No new matter has been added.

I. CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 10 is objected to due to a typographical error.

The cancellation of Claim 10 renders moot this objection.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Referring to pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is mentioned, but details of the rejection (including the claims at issue) are not provided.

As confirmed by the examiner in a telephone call with the undersigned, the inclusion of the §112 rejection was an oversight, and the now-canceled claims were not rejected under §112.

III. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Referring to page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,165,564 (“Crast”).

Each of the rejected claims has been canceled, rendering moot the rejection.

IV. OTHER REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Referring to pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

2002/0016226 (“Jin”), and Claims 3-8 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,013,330 (“Lutz”).

Each of the rejected claims has been canceled, rendering moot the rejections.

V. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Referring to page 5 of the Office Action, Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,352,805 (“Taylor”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,255,382 (“Hamada”).

The rejected claim has been canceled, rendering moot the rejection.

VI. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Referring to pages 5 and 6 of the Office Action, Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,300,325 (“Nealon”).

The rejected claim has been canceled, rendering moot the rejection.

VII. NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 13-25 are directed to a method for preparing a golf ball having on its surface a coating formed from a paint composition. The method includes (i) preparing the paint composition by compounding an aqueous resin having photo-curable functional groups in a molecule, a photoinitiator, and a crosslinker into a solvent comprising water, (ii) coating the paint composition on an exterior surface of the golf ball, (iii) drying the paint composition to vaporize water, and (iv) curing the paint composition by exposure to light.

None of the prior art documents of record discloses or suggests the claimed method. None of the prior art documents of record discloses that a surface layer of a golf ball is coated with a coating by performing the recited method. For example, the prior art documents of record are silent with respect to the use of a solvent comprising water and drying the paint composition to vaporize the water from the paint composition.

AMENDMENT

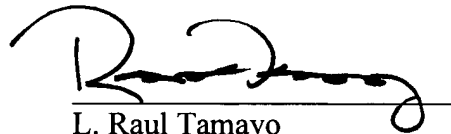
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VIII. CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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